

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

COMPANIA DEL BAJO CARONI (CAROMIN) AND  
V.M.C. MINING COMPANY, C.A.,

Plaintiffs.

- against -

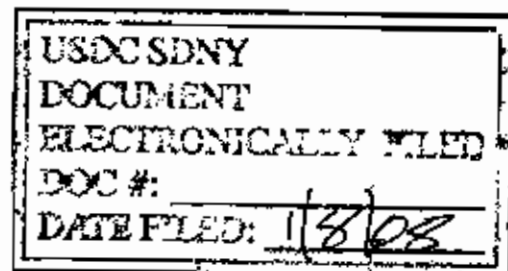
BOLIVARIAN REPUBLIC OF VENEZUELA AND  
MINISTRY OF BASIC INDUSTRIES AND MINES,

Defendants.

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NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

**ORDER**

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**WHEREAS** Greenberg Traurig LLP and Colson Hicks Eidson, counsel for plaintiffs, have filed a motion to withdraw as attorneys of record; and

**WHEREAS** the defendants' motion to dismiss the amended complaint has been fully briefed since November 20, 2007 and oral argument on the motion was scheduled in December, 2007 for 11:30 A.M. on January 24, 2008; and


**WHEREAS** corporate parties may not proceed pro se and must be represented by an attorney, and failure to appear by counsel can result in the entry of a default judgment or dismissal of claims presented, see Jones v. Niagara Frontier Transp. Auth., 722 F.2d 20, 22 (2d Cir. 1983); it is hereby

**ORDERED** that the motion is granted on condition that the pending motion to dismiss is treated as fully submitted and that

oral argument will proceed as scheduled (unless if plaintiffs are unrepresented on January 24, 2008, it will be cancelled); and it is further

**ORDERED** that if the plaintiffs Compania Del Bajo Caroni (Caromin) and V.M.C. Mining Company, C.A. have not retained new counsel within 30 days, the failure to have done so will result in the dismissal of the complaint.

DATED: New York, New York  
January 7, 2008

  
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NAOMI REICE BUCHWALD  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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